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U.S. Patent No. 5,621,946 (Lee), dated April 22, 1997

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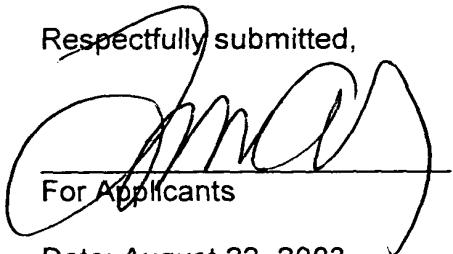
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Respectfully submitted,



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